

Magic Valley ATV Riders

Dec 2023



We are a family organization and welcome social interactions among all our members. Riders of all ages are welcome to join us. We are a growing, vibrant, and active organization!

Photo: April 16, 2023 – Lake Channel Ride hosted by Jerry Kriegh.

Message from the President

Thanks for being patient with the newsletter this month. Our board meeting was delayed until after Thanksgiving vacation and I was planning on getting it done last Sunday. However, as we all know, sometimes things fall through. Tigger was not eating or drinking since Friday night and I had to take him to the emergency vet in Twin Falls Sunday afternoon. After returning, and more vet visits on Monday, Tuesday, and again on Wednesday, and a hunting trip Thursday until last night, there was no time to work on it.

At the board meeting we decided to schedule our February meeting for the 21st instead of the 14th to work around Valentines Day since we are holding it at Adventure Motorsports that month. This will allow both us, and them, to spend time with their spouses on Valentines evening.

We have scheduled the 2024 ride scheduling meeting on February 6th. A location will follow. We invite everyone to be thinking of places to ride and camp and come and help us get our riding calendar filled.

Linda Stimpson and Dixie Best spent a day with the Forest Service going over our work agreement for 2024. They reported that we are allowed to camp in the north end of the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort parking lot as long as we don't interfere with ski resort functions that might be going on. They also reported that the Forest Service

will be installing a new parking lot and concrete outhouse on the south end of the Free Gold Trailhead. Thank you for attending and being the voice of club.

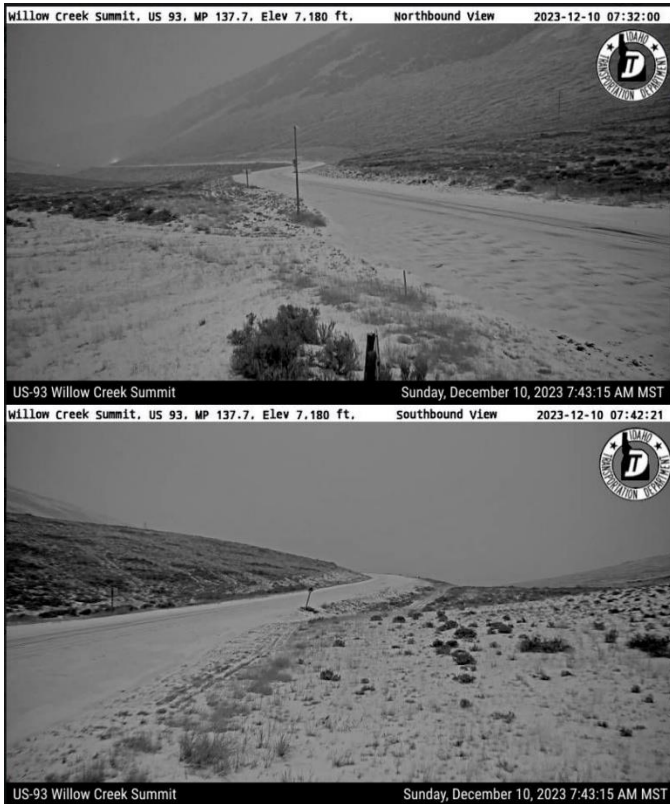
Thursday, I, Bill Mefford, and another friend were heading out for a hunting trip and were planning on meeting up with some others at our destination between Mackay and Challis. In the morning, after hooking up the trailer, I discovered that the running lights were not working. I gave Bill a call, and he came much earlier than planned, bought a new trailer cable connector, fuses, and other assorted items and worked on the trailer in the school parking lot. He finished it up just in time to head out. This winter, you might want to go through your trailer and do some basic maintenance that might put a damper on spring camping. Thanks to Bill for saving our hunting trip.

Since I am on the topic of hunting and camping, earlier this summer I bought a new Garmin Montana 700i GPS with built-in Inreach technology. It is basically a GPS with satellite text messaging built into it. On our Caribou Loop trip, I used it to keep Amy aware of where we were and how we were doing since much of the loop had no cell service.

Last night (Saturday) at the time of this writing, we had returned to the trailer and were about to settle down to dinner and a movie when I pulled an updated weather forecast via the satellite. It had changed immensely since we looked at it in Challis at the restaurant on Friday night. After a

brief visit with Bill and my friend, we loaded up and headed back home. I got home at 11:00 p.m., and I'm sure Bill got home about 45 minutes later.

This morning, I looked at the cameras for the Willow Creek Summit, and saw the following:



Technology saved us a very horrible drive down the mountain road, and another horrible drive from there, up the summit, and an equally bad Top Cat Summit between Arco and Carey.

I pay for the Safety plan which is \$11.95 a month and I get 10 messages. After that, they are .50 cents each. I also have to pay for the weather forecasts and I think they are .50 cents each as well but I am not sure on those. It also comes with unlimited check in messages. I can basically send Amy a message that says one of the following three things: "I'm checking in. Everything is okay." "I'm starting my trip." "I'm ending my trip."

These work great if I just want her to know we are leaving for the days ride, we have returned, or just that we are OK.

I figured the basic plan was good at first, but now after using it, and sending messages back and forth, I may upgrade to the next plan in the spring when we are doing more riding.

So far, a number of friends have them, and it also works great while hunting in separate groups

since I can send my coordinates to the other guys if we need them to come to our location.

There are ton of other things it can do, like actively let Amy track me in near real time on a map on her computer or phone if I get the next plan.

It obviously lets you send an SOS to Garmin who will contact the closest emergency people in your area should you "press the button."

Also at the meeting last month, we did a written poll. We read the members' comments and will report what most everyone said next month since I have not received the typed list of responses yet. Thanks to everyone for the suggestions and notes of support to the board.

A reminder that quite a few roads in the South Hills are closed for the annual winter closure. Please check your MVUM if you plan on doing any riding in the forest (lol, with this snow?).

Thanks to our young guest author who penned an awesome experience. It is published as submitted.

Now that I am almost done with this article, my leg has been clawed multiple times, my chair has a few scratch marks, and Jean has been giving me her cute little "quit ignoring me and play with me" whine, I have one more thing to add...

I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and hope everyone has a very enjoyable holiday with your friends and family.

Aaron Larson – President

Elections

At the November meeting, a motion was made to accept names on the ballot and to dispense with voting. A second motion was made, and everyone in attendance was in agreement with no one to the contrary. As such, everyone that had their name on the ballot will be a board member in 2024.

At the November Board of Directors meeting, an executive session was held and everyone with a leadership role will retain those responsibilities.

We would like to thank Ted MacNeil for his many years of service to the board and would like to welcome Bill Mefford to the board. He will be

responsible for mailing the printed newsletters in 2024.

Board of Directors



No Tell'm Creek

It all started with a drive to the South Hills. I kept telling my dad which turns to take. He listened to me pretty well. On the way up we saw a white weasel with a black tipped tail. We also saw 2 decent sized bucks. We finally arrived where we thought our hiking adventure would begin. We walked about a mile only to find the same road we had left from.

My dad went back and got the jeep. Me and my mom went down and waited to be picked up. We drove down the road a little farther only to stop again. This time it was at the bottom of No Tell'm Creek. We began following moose sign. Only to see lots of thick timber ahead of us. We pushed through brush that was taller than me and very thick.

I started to get tired. At that time, we started to see lots of rub! We were hoping to find some antlers. We climbed up another hill. Only to go through nasty brush again. Soon after that we scared up a moose that was bedded. We all thought it was a cow. My dad pulled up his binoculars and saw his "man parts!" He says, "that's not a cow... THAT'S A SHED BULL!" He also said, "those paddles gotta be close!" He told me to go look by the quakeys and he would scour around also. After that I shortly found my very first brownie moose paddle!

I yelled "I found one dad!" I was sooooo excited! I forgot all about being tired and hungry and was on a mission! I pushed more timber. Where we later stopped and ate lunch, and then started again looking for the other side. Unfortunately, I was able to find only one side. Our trip was cut short because there was a pretty big storm that set in, and we had to hustle off the mountain. Maybe next spring I will try to go back and find the other side!



Haylen Heinzelman



Christmas Season



With Christmas coming up soon, we would like to encourage all our club members to find some time during the hectic month of shopping, wrapping presents, entertaining, and all of the other hustle and bustle that occurs during the month of December, to stop and remember how Christmas came to be.

Even though we don't all share the same religious denomination, here are some things we can all do to share the true spirit of Christmas.

Donate: If you don't have a favorite, The Salvation Army has their kettles out, and is one of many worthy charities that help local members of our community.



Volunteer: This covers so many areas we can't list them all but spend some time helping a group or individual.

Visit: Do you know someone in a nursing home or hospital? Go see them! Got a neighbor down the street you haven't seen in a while, go see them as well!

Write a letter\give a card: Is your mail person\delivery driver especially awesome? Well, give them a card or write them a letter! What about an old friend that you have not seen in ages since they moved? Have a former teacher that you looked up to, or someone else that was a good example to you? Let them know you appreciate(d) them!

Others: Give blood, participate in a food drive, shovel the neighbors sidewalk, invite someone that lost their spouse to dinner, pay it forward, adopt a family for the holidays, help someone wrap their Christmas presents, take flowers to a nursing home (the workers will know who needs them the most), donate stuffed animals to the police\fire department, drop off a bag of cat\dog food to the animal shelter, be more generous the next time you tip your waiter\waitress, take some coloring books\crayons to the hospital waiting room, and many others.

And last, but not least, attend your personal religious denominations Christmas service!

Reprinted from the past – we hope you don't mind

Club Meeting Schedule



December 13th will be our annual Christmas Social at Idaho Pizza Company in Twin Falls. 6pm to 8pm.

We will be in the banquet room in the back from 6pm to 8pm. No club business will be conducted and you will have to order off the regular menu as the buffet will not be available.

We hope to see everyone there!

Jan 10th – Idaho Pizza Company
 Feb 21st - Probably at Adventure Motorsports\Twin Falls
 March 13th - Probably at Action Cycles and Sleds\Twin Falls
 April 20th – Club banquet\Twin Falls Reformed Church

May 8th – Probably at Let’s Ride\Burley
June-August – Summer hiatus
Remainder of 2024 – TBD

At a regular club meeting, dinner starts at 6:00 PM
and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Meetings
usually conclude at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Rides & Events

Here are the rides and campouts that are
penciled onto the calendar. Please watch the
calendar on the website for up-to-date information.

- Probably not much until warmer weather returns.

We will update the calendar on the website
with more details on rides and other events as
information becomes available.

Linda Laudert – Ride Coordinator

State Parks Passport Stickers



To purchase a State Parks Passport, you will need
to call **1-800-247-6332** and ask for a State Parks
Passport (\$10 one) for your ATV or SxS.

Also, make sure you get one for your tow rig
as well.

OHV Sticker Reminder

This is a good time to get those stickers so you can
go riding if a last-minute ride pops up in January
of the new year!

Registration stickers are available at some of
the OHV dealerships and local DMV offices. You can
also renew online through the Idaho Department of

Parks and Recreation website. You can also renew
them for TWO years now!!!!

<https://idpr.idaho.gov/Renewal/>



Registration Renewal Login For Sticker Year 2017

Pin:
Sticker Number:

Log In
Cancel



Thinking of You

Everyone that is ill, recovering from being ill,
family that is ill, lost a friend or family member,
or otherwise needs extra support.

At this time we have several members that
have been having some health issues and we wish
them the best.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new
members to the club: None this month.

Linda Stimpson

Membership Dues!

Dues are \$25 for a single person and \$30 for a
family if paying with cash or check.

Please mail your payment to PO Box 0767,
Twin Falls, ID 83303 or bring your payment to the
next meeting.

You can also use
Venmo – our username is
@mvatvr2007 or you can use
the QR code. If you use
Venmo, fill out the
application, take a photo of
it, and email it to
bboops57@yahoo.com and
let her know you sent the money via Venmo.



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Linda Stimpson

Flags & Hats

If you would like to buy a brand-new orange MVATVR flag for your ATV/UTV, there are still a few available. They are \$20 each



We also have American flags printed on the same material the club flags are printed on. They are also \$20 each.

Hats are also available for \$17 each!



Call Brad Stimpson (208-308-8526) to purchase them or see him at the club meetings!

Club Logos

If anyone wants to have the club logo printed/embroidered on a t-shirt, jacket, etc., [Quick Draw Embroidery & Screen-printing](#) has our logo on file.

You can buy the shirt/jacket/hat from them, or, bring your own. The price is reasonable and depends on how large you want the logo to be.

They are located at 3790 N. 3386 E. in Kimberly. 208-735-8804.

Filler photo – Herd Lake taken on Friday, Dec. 8th



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The Fine Print

I/we fully understand that ATV activities involve risks and dangers of serious injury up to and including death. I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the activity. Rides are open to current MVATVR members and invited guests.

Trail Difficulty Guide

Level 1 - Beginner: Gravel or dirt surfaces that are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface. Ride distance will be short, speeds very slow.

Level 2 - Advanced Beginner: Mild ups and downs, some narrow, mild rock, mostly roads and jeep trails, minor off camber. Two-wheel drive ok.

Level 3 - Intermediate: Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or rutty surface. May have short sections that are narrow. Can have blind turns, switchbacks, steep or roller coaster grades, some off-camber side hills, minor drop-offs, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame. Four-wheel drive may be needed depending on conditions. Pace of ride will be a little faster, distances and length of ride will be longer.

Level 4 - Advanced Intermediate: Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Four-wheel drive highly recommended.

Level 5 - Expert: Very rocky, steep, off camber, high water crossings, large ruts. Large obstacles in trails, narrow with big drop offs. Four-wheel drive required, may need winch.



Club Rules

The Magic Valley ATV Riders (MVATVR), Inc. would appreciate you being considerate of others and observing the following rules/guidelines while participating in club activities.



Obviously, any actions that are unlawful or unsafe are prohibited.

1. Pets should be kept on a leash of no longer than 6 feet during any rides, campouts or other MVATVR events. Please be a responsible pet owner and respect the rights of others.

2. Idaho State Law states that being under the influence and/or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs while operating an OHV is illegal and therefore will not be tolerated by MVATVR, Inc.

3. Generator use should be with consideration for others in camp and a recommended quiet time from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM needs to be observed.

4. By operating your machine in a safe responsible manner, waiting at intersections and corners, you can insure that fellow riders will not be left behind and everyone will have an enjoyable ride.

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Magic Valley ATV Riders, INC. (MVATVR)

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Application for Membership



PLEASE PRINT ALL ENTRIES

Spouse 1 Name: _____ Spouse 2 First Name (and last if different): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State Zip Code: _____ Total Family Members: _____

Home Phone: _____ Spouse 1 Cell: _____ Spouse 2 Cell: _____

Spouse 1 Email: _____ Spouse 2 Email: _____

If you have no email address your club newsletter will be mailed to you via USPS.

Type of membership. Select One: New Yearly Renewal

Membership year is January to December. New memberships received after July 31st will be half rate and after November 1st will be credited for next year. Your email address will be taken off the mailing list as February 1st of the new year if dues are not paid current.

Please select one: Individual \$25.00 per year Spouse/Family @30.00 per year

Photo Release: I / We grant MVATVR or its representatives to take photographs of me / us in conjunction with club activities. I / we agree that MVATVR may use such photographs of me / us with or without my / our name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content. If the listing of my / our name is protected by password, my / our phone and email may also be listed with or without my / our pictures.

Please initial: _____ Yes, I agree _____ No, I don't agree

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK / HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I / We recognize that riding an ATV is a hazardous activity that can result in serious personal injury or death. I / We accept the risks inherent to riding with a group including, but not limited to, obstacles on and off the roads and trails, rapidly changing weather, limited visibility, variation of slope and steepness on and off the trails, surface or sub-surface conditions on and off the trails and roads, collisions with other ATVs including other riders, and collisions with devices used to mark the boundary of trails or roads.

In consideration of my / our participation in the events and rides of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., and related club rides/events, I / we hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., its volunteers, officers, directors and agents, and all club members of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc., and their volunteers, officers, directors and agents from all claims and demands related to my / our participation in rides and events organized, sponsored, supported and/or promoted by Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. and/or its club members.

I / We have carefully read this agreement and the release of liability and fully understand its contents. I / We are aware that this release of liability is a contract between Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc. (and its club members) and myself / us and I / we sign it of my / our own free will. My / our signature signifies that I / we have read and agree with this release.

The above and foregoing shall also apply to any minor child of mine accompanying me or participating in the events and activities above-described.

By signing this agreement, we agree to abide by all club bylaws and rules.

Signature: _____ Spouse: _____

Date: _____